permit of residence in Switzerland on moral grounds;

(b) what is the impact of this denial on his claim of N.R.I. status; and

(c) whether he is now being called to India for investigations with regard to cases of FERA violations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Shri Ajitabh Bachchan has a valid business visa for Switzerland.

(c) The enquiry into case of alleged FERA violations against Shri Ajitabh Bachchan is still in progress.

Exports to hard currency Areas

1636. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total value of exports (excluding oil) to hard currency areas during 1987-88 as compared to 1986-87;

(b) what would be the value of export for 1987-88 at constant exchange rates; and

(c) what is the real percentage increase in exports to hard currency areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) to (c) According to the country-wise trade statistics available for April—December 1987, India's exports to the countries in the General Currency Area (other than Rupee Payment Areas) amounted to Rs. 9435.55 crores as compered to Rs. 7256.54 crores during April-December 1986, thereby showing an increase of 30.0 per cent.

As currencies in the world are floating, the concept of constant exchange rate does not apply. However, total export to the countreis in the General Currency Area during April-December 1987, in terms of the average exchange rate for US Dollars during April-December 1986 amounted to US $ 1426.88 million as gainst exports of US $ 5711.74 million during April-December 1986, thus registering an increase of 30.0 per cent.

Exemption from income tax on poultry sector

@1636-A. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state whether the National Egg Coordination Committee is reported to have since given convincing reasons warranting exemption from payment of Income Tax by the Poultry Sector and if so, in what way Government have proved responsive to this dire need of the Poultry Sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): The National Egg Coordination Committee, a non-Governmental Organisation, had written to Government requesting that income from the business of poultry farming be exempted from income tax. This request was examined in detail and Government could not agree to it.

Commercial TIE up with a German Firm

@@1636-B. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one of the firms that participated in the Techno Germa '88 in Delhi was Mukam of West Germany;

(b) whether Government are aware that serious complaints of violation of automatic safety regulations had been raised against that firm;

(c) whether there is any proposal for commercial tie up with the firm; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND

@Previously Unstarred Question 1168, transferred from the 6th May, 1988.

@@Previously Unstarred Question 1354 transferred from the 9th May, 1988.